

Fours, including winning seven state championships, and each has had 38 All-State selections. St. Elizabeth's softball program has won four state titles (1992, 1994, 2002, 2011), finished as a runner-up in 1993 and 1997, and was fourth in 1991. St. Elizabeth's baseball program has captured three state championships (1995, 1997, 2019) and was runner-up in 2018. The Hornets also placed third in 1996 while their 1984, 2010 and 2011 teams each placed fourth in the state.

As a native of St. Elizabeth this honor is especially personal for me. I graduated from St. Elizabeth but more importantly, my wife Jackie and I have watched generations of kids grow into young adults and go on to become exceptional members of our community and communities around Missouri. Both of our daughters played on the softball team and our son played on the baseball team where they and their teammates learned invaluable life lessons about hard work, commitment, and teamwork.

Thanks to the coaches, teachers, and administrators we have been lucky enough to have over the years, our little town has experienced success well beyond the ball field. This honor is certainly a testament to all of the kids who worked so hard to achieve athletic success but also to the parents and a community that supports one another and always prioritized our future generations.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the St. Elizabeth High School Softball and Baseball Programs on multiple extraordinary seasons and their much-deserved Hall of Fame induction.

RYAN WILLIAM MAGEE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ryan William Magee. Ryan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 228, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ryan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Ryan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Ryan has held the positions of Patrol Leader, Quartermaster and Senior Patrol Leader for his troop. He is a member of both Mic-o-say Tribes, where he is a Hardaway Warrior at Camp Geiger and a Brave at Bartle. Ryan has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Ryan's Eagle project was renovating the Community of Christ Church flag plaza at Camp Farwesta campgrounds in Stewartsville, MO. He removed the single flagpole and replaced it with three new flagpoles, installed a border and added pea gravel. The added flagpoles allow flags to be flown that represent the different organizations that use the campgrounds.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ryan William Magee for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of

America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 15, 2021

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Paycheck Fairness Act (H.R. 7).

I am a proud cosponsor of this legislation which seeks to end the wage gap once and for all. Women in America, especially women of color, make far less than their male counterparts. While we have made progress closing this gap in recent years, this past year has the potential to set this movement back by decades.

The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately affected women. Unstable childcare and disruptions to school schedules have forced millions of mothers to leave the workforce. Additionally, women disproportionately work lower wage hourly jobs that have been slashed across the country due to store closings and other pandemic-related restrictions. This has resulted in women suffering the majority of pandemic-related job losses. Women also hold a greater share of frontline essential jobs that have faced greater risks of exposure such as nurses, teachers, home health care providers, flight attendants, transportation workers, grocery store clerks, childcare providers, and countless other positions. Simply put, we are getting through this pandemic and are on the brink of beating COVID-19 because of the tireless work of American women—and they deserve tangible support.

On Equal Pay Day earlier this year, I led a joint statement with Congresswoman GRACE MENG, Congresswoman LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, Congresswoman BRENDA LAWRENCE, and 32 other Democratic women in Congress highlighting the disproportionate effect COVID-19 has had on women and calling for structured relief. Therefore, I would like to include in the RECORD that statement.

Again, I rise in strong support of the Paycheck Fairness Act (H.R. 7) and I urge my colleagues to pass this important legislation.

MARCH 24, 2021.

Today is Equal Pay Day, the day in 2021 where women's earnings finally caught up to what men earned in 2020. While strides had been made to close this earnings gap, this past year has the potential of erasing years of progress because of the disproportionate impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on women.

The pandemic has dealt an unprecedented blow to every aspect of American society, taking more than half a million lives and costing our economy trillions of dollars. Our nation is facing multiple crises: the COVID-19 virus, economic uncertainty, and a caregiving shortage. As such, while the pandemic has caused virtually every American to struggle in some fashion, the brunt of this disaster has been felt by women—especially women of color.

Due to unstable child care and disruptions to school schedules, millions of mothers have been forced to leave the workforce to care for a child. Roughly 10 million working mothers have a child age 6 or younger, and many of these women have been forced to leave their jobs to care for their children.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 865,000 women left the labor force in September 2020 alone—more than four times the number of men who left the labor force that month.

Women are being forced out of the workforce for other reasons as well. Women disproportionately work lower wage hourly jobs that have been slashed across the country due to store closings and other pandemic-related restrictions. This has resulted in women suffering the majority of pandemic-related job losses, totaling more than 5.4 million net jobs, or 55 percent of the overall net job loss since the start of the crisis. This is especially true for Black, Latina, Asian American and Pacific Islander, and Native American women who are significantly more likely to work hourly jobs that have either been eliminated or have had their hours greatly reduced over the last year.

Even women who have maintained their job during this crisis have disproportionately been affected. Women hold a greater share of frontline essential jobs that have faced greater risks of exposure, such as nurses, teachers, home health care providers, flight attendants, transportation workers, grocery store clerks, child care providers, and countless other positions. Simply put, we are getting through this pandemic and are on the brink of beating COVID-19 because of the tireless work of American women—and they deserve tangible support.

While we are encouraged by the passage of the American Rescue Plan and strongly support the provisions that help protect working women, we also encourage our colleagues to consider this package as a down payment. We need transformational structural change to fight against the economic, financial, gender, and racial injustices. We need massive investments in our child care infrastructure, including universal child care and early learning, \$15 minimum wage, and paid leave programs; without these, women will be set back a generation by this pandemic.

For decades, women have unionized and joined forces to fight for fair hiring practices, workplace protections, and our ongoing fight for equal pay. We simply cannot turn this clock back and we must continue to protect our right to organize and in doing so, fight to narrow the income gap. It will take all of us to dedicate the needed energy and resources to ensure that our daughters and granddaughters do not need to acknowledge Equal Pay Day in future years to come.

Sincerely,

Betty McCollum, Lucille Roybal-Allard, Grace Meng, Brenda Lawrence, Barbara Lee, Eleanor Holmes Norton, Chrissy Houlahan, Angie Craig, Sara Jacobs, Eleanor Holmes Norton, Marcy Kaptur, Nikema Williams, Gwen Moore, Carolyn Bourdeaux, Bonnie Watson Coleman, Grace F. Napolitano, Dina Titus, Robin L. Kelly, Katie Porter, Jackie Speier, Nanette Diaz Barragan, Rosa L. DeLaura, Marie Newman, Debbie Dingell, Judy Chu, Rosa L. DeLauro, Doris Matsui, Cori Bush, Nydia M. Velázquez, Pramila Jayapal, Jahana Hayes, Ilhan Omar, Linda T. Sánchez, Eddie Bernice Johnson, Jan Schakowsky, Lauren Underwood, Members of Congress.

NAVALNY RESOLUTION INTRODUCTION

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce a bipartisan resolution condemning

the Kremlin's brutal treatment of Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny.

I am thankful to Congressman BRIAN FITZPATRICK for co-leading this resolution with me. I am also thankful to Chairman MEEKS, Europe Subcommittee Chairman KEATING, Ranking Member MCCAUL, Congressman QUIGLEY, Congressman PFLUGER, and Congressman MEIER for their leadership, support, and original cosponsorship on this measure.

Mr. Navalny has been a leader in uncovering gross corruption at the highest levels of the Kremlin that sustain that country's brutal regime. Through new forms of social media, his ability to reach out to and organize Russian citizens has been admirable.

Tragically on August 20, 2020, Vladimir Putin's thugs poisoned Mr. Navalny with the nerve agent, Novichok that nearly ended his life.

After making a recovery in Germany, Mr. Navalny bravely returned to Russia where he was detained and transferred to a modern-day gulag where he faced torture.

To protest these despicable conditions, he has been on a hunger strike for close to three weeks, and is now in critical condition.

Russia has a deeply disturbing history of violence and assassinations to silence dissidents like Boris Nemtsov, Sergei Magnitsky, Alexander Litvinenko and many more.

In response, this resolution strongly condemns the Kremlin's gross mistreatment of Mr. Navalny, calls for him to receive adequate medical care, and urges the Biden Administration to take all appropriate actions to secure his release, including through increased sanctions.

Additionally, the resolution expresses gratitude for the critical work of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty in shining a light on these issues, and urges the State Department to take greater action to protect the broadcaster's physical presence in Moscow in face of the Kremlin's disturbing attacks on it.

I urge all my colleagues to support this legislation.

INTRODUCTION OF THE REBUILDING AMERICA'S AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the Rebuilding America's Airport Infrastructure Act of 2021. This legislation makes a long-overdue update to the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) by increasing the maximum-allowable PFC by just \$1.00/year, starting in 2023, for four years and then indexes the fee to inflation every year thereafter. This increase to \$8.50 by 2026 would restore the value of the PFC to when it was last increased in 2000.

Airports are an essential part of American infrastructure and economic competitiveness, supporting \$1.4 trillion in annual economic output and 11.5 million jobs. The COVID-19 pandemic has devastated airports' finances with a combination of lower passenger levels and a higher demand for health infrastructure improvements to keep the flying public safe. These challenges come on top of a 5-year

\$115 billion infrastructure backlog that is a result of the federal government's failure to modernize one of the main funding mechanisms for airports: the PFC.

The PFC a locally imposed, per-passenger user fee that improves capacity and allows for airport updates, reduces noise, or increases competition among airlines. PFC revenues complement grants from the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) for eligible capital projects. But under current law, the maximum PFC amount airports can collect is capped at \$4.50 per passenger per flight segment. Congress last adjusted the PFC to \$4.50 in 2000, but with inflation and the rising cost of construction the purchasing power of the PFC has declined 40 percent. As a result, many aging airports have reached their debt capacity and either cannot finance new projects or have had to stretch them over a longer timeframe, increasing the costs and delaying the benefits for passengers.

Modernizing the PFC would raise tens of billions of dollars for airport infrastructure improvements while requiring zero taxpayer dollars, not increasing the national debt, and adding billions of dollars to U.S. Gross Domestic Product. The Rebuilding America's Airport Infrastructure Act will ensure that airports are safe, economically competitive, and the envy of the world.

REMEMBERING JAMES L. NEWBROUGH, SR.

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of James L. Newbrough, Sr., of Niles, Ohio, who passed away on Sunday, April 11, 2021 at the age of 83.

Mr. Newbrough was born February 17, 1938 in Brownsville, Pennsylvania the son of Lester and Mabel Clemmer Newbrough. He was a 1956 graduate of Centerville High School and was employed as a field engineer and tool repairman at Republic Steel in Warren for 30 years, retiring in 1986.

Jim was a member of First United Methodist Church in Niles, ITAM No. 39 in Girard, Sincerity Masonic Lodge in Niles, and member and past president of the Niles Men's Democratic Club. He was an avid Pittsburgh Steeler fan, enjoyed golfing, bowling, bocce, working on his lawn, spending time with his grandchildren, and was a United States Army Veteran.

Mr. Newbrough will be deeply missed by his wife Jenny Crockett Newbrough whom he married June 14, 1958, four sons, James L. Newbrough Jr. and his wife Becky of Niles, Mark A. Newbrough of Mineral Ridge, Gary E. Newbrough of Niles, and Attorney Kelly Stuart Newbrough and his wife Teresa of Niles, seven grandchildren, James L. Newbrough III and his wife Kristin, Eric Newbrough and his wife Erin, Kevin Kompanik (Rox), Alex Newbrough, Hannah Newbrough (Jason Ray), Jacob "Jack" Newbrough, Olivia Newbrough, and five great-grandchildren, Ella, Evan, Lexington, Mariah, and Kora.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Gary E. "Duke" Newbrough II, a granddaughter Sarah Lynn Newbrough, three broth-

ers, John, Steve, and Richard Newbrough, and two sisters, Julie Myers and Mary Jane Henck.

I was very proud to call James a great friend and supporter. My deepest condolences go out to Jim's entire family and to all whose lives he touched.

TRIBUTE TO THE HON. WALTER F. MONDALE, FORMER VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to the Honorable Walter F. Mondale, former Vice President of the United States of America, upon his death this week at age 93. Vice President Mondale was a global statesman, a national political leader, a remarkable legislator, a proud Minnesotan, a devoted husband, a wonderful father and grandfather, and a person people from all walks of life admired.

Growing up in Elmore, Minnesota, Mondale never forgot his small-town roots. Generations of Minnesotans hold him in deep affection, because of his unique ability to connect through his humor, humility and humanity—which was nurtured by his beloved wife Joan. Together from their marriage in 1955 until her death in 2014, Walter and Joan were a team who represented Minnesota and our country with grace, class and dignity.

Inspired and reinforced by Joan, Walter Mondale's life in public service was extraordinary. He served in the United States Army, was the Minnesota Attorney General, and represented Minnesota in the United States Senate. One of his most important roles was redefining the Vice Presidency of the United States as a partnership with the President. He also earned the 1984 Democratic nomination for President and broke a barrier by naming Geraldine Ferraro to be the first woman Vice Presidential candidate on a major party ticket. And while serving as Ambassador to Japan, Walter and Joan demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the power of American diplomacy.

Vice President Mondale's deep and abiding dedication to civil rights, children, health care and the environment have left a profound legacy for current and future generations of Americans. His pioneering leadership in protecting our air, land and water reflected his understanding that our precious lands and waters are the heart of who we are as Minnesotans and Americans, and that requires us to be responsible stewards of our planet.

His authorship of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act in 1968 was a watershed moment in the environmental movement, bringing much-needed attention to these beautiful but threatened rivers across the country, including the Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway in Minnesota and Wisconsin. He was also among the first and most steadfast champions for the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, because he understood that our biodiversity and clean water require permanent protection.

I am deeply grateful for Vice President Mondale's kind and wise counsel to me in Congress as I have worked to build on the success of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the